Man Power Planning and Employment Generation Council

1789. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ever issued any guidelines to the various States and Union Territories for setting up of a District Man Power Planning and Employment Generation Council in each district Head Quarters;

(b) if so, the details of such guidelines; and

(c) the steps Government have taken so far to implement such proposals and with what results?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) In March, 1981, the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations were requested to set up District Manpower Planning and Employment Generation Council in the light of the suggestions made in the Sixth Five Year Plan Document. These Councils were to be developed with a view to bringing peoples representatives, the concerned Development Administrations, Credit Institutions and representatives of Academic Research and Teaching Institutions in the district into a working partnership. Later they were also requested to develop portfolio for viable investment opportunities in the self employment sector.

(c) Information collected shows that while some efforts towards self-employment had been reported in some cases, generally not much headway had been made in achieving the objectives for which the Councils had been set up.

1790. [*Transferred to* 30 *July*, 1991].

Conversion of Railway Lines between Gandhidham and Bhuj

1791. SHRI DINESHBAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the rail lines between Gandhidham and Bhuj into broad gauge;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to constraint of resources.

Decontrol of Steel

1792. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decontrol the steel; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) and (b) Do not arise as there is no formal control on the prices and distribution of steel.

Compensation for the land of the small farmers acquired by DDA

1793. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to give compensation to landless labourers in the event of the agricultural land or which they work is acquired by Delhi Development Authority in the areas adjacent to Delhi;

(b) if so, whether these landless persons also get residential plot/flat on out of turn basis like the owner of the acquired land; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Unauthorised property dealers in group Housing Societies

1794. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many unauthorised property dealers are carrying on their business in the colonies of the Group Housing Societies on Outer Ring Road for which the land had been allotted by DDA;

(b) if so, the reasons for which they could not be banned by Government since their activity is detrimental to the needy persons who are resirous to settle down in these colonies; and

(c) whether Government propose to initiate any action against these people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) No survey has been carried out so far regarding carrying on of business by unauthorised property dealers in the colonies of the Group Housing Societies on Outer Ring Road. However, Government is contemplating legal steps for regulating the activities of property agents.

Allocation for providing shelter to Slum Dwellers

1795. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to provide shelter to slum dwellers in metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the progress made in that regard so far; and

(c) whether any allocation of funds has been made for the development of slums under the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) "Urban Development" is a State subject and specific schemes on slum clearance and improvement are formulated and implemented by the State Government in accordance with their needs and priorities. The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on the environmental improvement of slums rather than massive clearance and relocation. Under the State Sector Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS), basic amenities like storm water drainage, water supply, sewerage, community latrines and baths, widening and paving of streets and street lighting are provided in urban slums. During the 7th Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 269.50 crores was earmarked for E.I.U.S. and 99.8 lakh slum dwellers actually benefitted under this programme. Pending finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs. 65.10 crores was allocated during 1990-91 for development of slums under this scheme in the State Sector.

There is a centrally sponsored scheme of Housing and Shelter Upgradation under the Nehru Rozgar Yojana which enables families below the poverty line to upgrade their dwellings through improvements at a maximum cost of Rs. 4,000/- per dwelling unit comprising of 25 per cent subsidy with a ceiling of Rs. 1,000/- and loan upto Rs. 3,000/- from HUDCO. Additional loan can also be availed under the HUDCO scheme for Economically weaker sections. The Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) scheme is applicable to cities with a population between 1 lakh and 20 lakhs, to new industrial towns and to towns in UTs and hilly region. The Scheme was launched in October, 1989 and upto 9-7-1991 HUDCO has sanctioned 337 schemes worth Rs. 260.00 crores involving 5.87 lakhs units. Further, HUDCO has a